

For the Maine Farmer.

**Agricultural Papers.** MINNESOTA EDITORS:—How few of the people in this farming community realize the extent of the influence the Agricultural papers exert. Nearly all are willing to admit that there is a great improvement in the method of farming, and an increased interest in the pursuit; but they have so long felt that they were looked down upon by other classes, that they are slow to believe that any one else has done anything for their benefit. To any one however, who will think a little, and who is unwilling to show that the agricultural papers of this country are the greatest cause of the bringing the farmers to their present position. Just as a look around the farm of a man who does not read a paper, and, although he may have learned something from his neighbors, yet you can plainly see evidences of that inattention to little things, which

It was too plainly that a man is going down hill. There are those that other men devote to reading, and there are those who perhaps, are spent with the pipe in the chimney corner; and he gets his news items from birds of the feather, who do not read and perhaps cannot, and never hears a story right the first time. Ask him to read a paper, and he will tell you that he knows enough to farm around here. Such subjects as "Grade and Sale of Pure Bloods" do not trouble his mind. "The cows have calves and his sheep have lambs, he asks himself no questions about the quality, until he is greatly surprised to see his neighbor sell calves and lambs higher than he can.

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On the above head, by the Senior editor thereof, I am justly setting forth their destructiveness to game, and fruits and crops to which they have access, their profitability if closely confined, &c., yet, at the same time, I believe that there may be more encouragement for profits to the egg producers than our farmers received from the respected editor.

My own experience tends to such convictions. True, they are often a great annoyance, and the farmer who pursues them and desires a good garden, should have a few traps enclosed, or have an enclosure for his fowls, and, latter, and especially if it can enclose fruit trees, &c., will be more desirous

... writer, whose article recently appeared in the *New England Farmer*, states that he enclosed one hundred and fifty fowls in a half acre of fruit trees with a suitable fence and shade for the fowls, while the fowls improved the fruit bearing condition of the trees, and that the income from the fowls was about \$500 a year. In conversation with a neighbor recently, who has failed of a good crop of apples for several years, I asked the question, how they succeeded in raising so many more apples than their neighbors. His

not reply was, "we feed our trees," and then told how many loads of dressing (compost) he put on his trees and dug in last spring. I say not making a poultry yard of an orchard, is an economical mode of "feeding the trees!" It might be necessary to keep the fowls out for a while, but an orchard it might not be really important to keep fowls out as much as many would think. The first thing that drops is usually wormy, and who does not prefer to have it and the worms destroyed, than have it lay on the ground and the next year's crop infested in consequence of it? And if they eat a few nice apples, pears or plums, such as we would like

to us on our own mouths, it may not be wise for us to "think hard words about them," when we reflect that they are taking care of the insects, "feeding them," and preparing them to reproduce next year, and fold more than they destroy this. Our respected superior, in giving his experience in keeping bees, says, "We are inclined to think that every egg we have reared for thirty years past, has cost us six cents, or, nearly that," and in speaking of their ravages, when allowed to run in the summer, he says, "For the first time we go into the house with the determination to kill them all off that very night, but thoughts of the bees, and the work of the time, 22, for the

I will advise him not to withhold his hand longer  
 then contract with me for his fresh eggs. I will  
 finish them the year round for three cents each.  
 Very Respectfully,  
 G. TABER.  
 Tassalboro', 12th mo., 18, 1866.

the town of Enfield. This town lies on the Penobscot  
river, about 86 miles north of Bangor. It has  
nearly 45 years since the first settlers  
to the town, still there is considerable land unoccu-  
pied, and for sale. Part of the land is some stony  
and a considerable part quite free from stone; about  
good as the land will average on the river. Farmers

valued from six hundred to one thousand dollars, and some perhaps as high as twelve and fifteen hundred dollars. It is very probable that the European and North American railway will be commenced here, and will run through this town. It is thought to be very much needed, and will probably have the tendency to make real estate higher. If there are any who wish to settle in this vicinity, they had better not wait for the rise. We have an excellent water privilege, though it is not occupied as it should be. It is the eastern part of the town, at the foot of Colman lake. It is a good chance for factories. The town is called Trout's Mills. The lake is quite large.

very places. There are two stage roads through town, one on the west running near the river, the other on the east running near, and on the west side of the lake; also, a good road through the center of town, and a county road laid out between the center and river roads.

There will be a great amount of lumbering done on the Penobscot waters this winter. Wages are high, and get from \$2 to \$50 per month; a man with a pair of heavy horses will get from \$50 to 65 per month, and light horses in proportion. We have a large market for all kinds of farm products. Oats are worth 75 cents per bushel, and other kinds of produce in proportion. Most of the farmers in this vicinity are keeping their oats, thinking they will go up per bushel.

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